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AALBERTUS PIETER KROESBERGEN :

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SUBSTRATE WITH

SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE

THEREOF AND USE

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania April 10, 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and Information Disclosure this 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits Statement which includes a completed Form PTO-1449. The references identified in Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/875,237 upon which the present application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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